

THREE DARING DRIVERS IN INDIANA RACE AND MAP OF THE CROWN POINT COURSE



CHICAGO.—Twelve cars entered in the Cobe cup race run over the Crown Point-Lowell course on June 19, and twelve of the most famous and daring drivers in the world piloted them in the contest. The race started at Crown Point, Ind., forty-four miles from this city, at 8 o'clock a. m. The race was for seventeen laps around the course, which was guarded by a regiment of militiamen. Pilots like Robertson, Lytle, Strang, Miller and Seymour, all noted in the realm of motor speed, estimated the victor's average speed at fifty-eight miles an hour. To establish this average the leader had to travel faster than sixty-five miles an hour on the straightaways. In some respects the Indiana roads outclass the courses at Savannah, Briarcliff, Long Island and Lowell. Strang, a contestant last summer in the Grand Prix, rates the Crown Point course even faster and easier to negotiate than the celebrated speed path at Dieppe, France. The Cobe race was preceded by the Indiana trophy contest, which brought out nineteen cars. The cars and drivers in the Cobe race were:

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JEFFRIES TALKS ABOUT BOXING

Big Felio Considers the Straight Job Best

That Jim Jeffries believes his terrific straight punches will be not only faster, but more effective than Jack Johnson's swings or uppercuts, is evident from the line of dope Jeff has been handing out in the East.

While in Montreal recently the big fellow was cornered where he could not sidestep by a newspaper man and made to go a few rounds with the man of the pen. Here is what the ex-boiler-maker thinks about the comparative styles of old time and modern day fighters:

"If the boxing game is ever to keep the place it has held in the esteem of a great proportion of the public for many years more science must be introduced into it.

There has been a wonderful change in the style of fighting even during the last few decades, but it isn't the slugging alone who wins fights these days.

And it isn't the slugging alone that the fight fans want to see.

Ability to hit combined with the knowledge when and how to hit is what is required of every boxer who hopes to make any mark in the ring.

Just think of some of the old-time fighters and see how what I say has come about during the last few years.

Take John L. Sullivan. John L. couldn't get in one effective blow in won because he was "enormously strong." He could smash his way through his opponent's guard and then come across with that terrific wallop with the right and down and out went his opponent.

That was what happened in a good many of Sullivan's fights.

But when he ran up against Corbett, he was up against a different proposition to what he had encountered in most of his fights. Corbett was a nimble fellow and John L. twenty-one rounds.

What was Sullivan able to do with Charlie Mitchell when they met at Chantilly, France? Nothing. For more than three hours Sullivan had Mitchell in the ring there and Mitchell was too clever for the heavy swinging Sullivan. He simply avoided the big fellow until the latter was so tired that he agreed to call it a draw.

Among the little fellows of today take Jim Driscoll, the game little Welch fighter. You didn't see Driscoll do any wild swinging when he was in the square with Abe Attel, Lench Cross, Matty Baldwin or any of those fellows. Not on your life. The Welshman jabbed them all silly with his straight left, just like Joe Coburn, Jim Dunne, Mike Donovan, Bob Farrell, Billy Madden and many of the others of the earlier days.

I believe a great deal in that straight lead with the left that they teach in the Old Country.

Along with a good reach and a perfect timing of the footwork, that straight left lead has the leads of the crouchers beaten for effectiveness.

Jack Dempsey and Jack McAuliffe knew how to lead straight. I met McAuliffe the other evening in New York watching a couple of young swingers beating the air with their fists.

"They're a couple of willing boys," I said to the former champion.

"Yes, very willing," replied McAuliffe, "very willing and very rotten. It's a shame, that somebody don't teach the young boxers of today how to spar. Why if either of those chaps had come at me with wild swings like that leaving himself wide open, I'd have had his head off inside of two rounds."

There they went round after round the same ding-dong way, and the result a draw.

You remember Dempsey. He was an artist. No man ever led to him twice in the same manner without getting a return, and he never fought one round like another.

Sometimes he was aggressive and then again he would play possum on the defensive. Dempsey was a straight puncher and the blows he started to deliver always got to the point he aimed at, because he understood when and where to hit.

I recall that four round match between that great little man George Dixon and Billy Plimmer, in Madison Square Garden, in the early nineties. The match was for points.

John L. R ckon: Langford Is Best

John L. Sullivan, champion of champions, has come to the rescue of Stanley Ketchel, middleweight title holder who just now is being censured for his showing against Billy Papke in Coffroth's arena at Colma. Sullivan says the result of the battle was indeed a surprise to him, but he asserts that something radically wrong must have overtaken Stanley.

He supports the belief that Ketchel if right, can trim Papke seven times a week and that he can and will batter Jack Johnson to the floor when they clash in October. Sullivan is of the belief that Coffroth should go through with the Ketchel-Johnson match despite the criticism that has been heaped upon him, and says the result will be an even greater surprise than Ketchel's victory over O'Brien. He says Jeff and Johnson will never meet and he holds Langford as the king of them all.

Talking of the present fight situation he says:

"Ketchel can beat Johnson; Jeffries and Johnson will never meet and Sam Langford, if given the chance, can trim any living fighter today. There must have been something radically wrong with Ketchel on the afternoon of July 5th, for Papke has no chance to stay twenty rounds with the Michigan fighter. It is true that he broke his hand, and this is a severe drawback; but there must have been terrible pain or something more for Ketchel to permit his opponent to stay the twenty rounds.

"Ketchel has the punch and he has displayed and should have dropped Papke early in the fray. His showing, however, should not deprive him of his match with Johnson. Coffroth should go through with this even though censured, for it will pack his house and end in the biggest surprise the ring has had in years. It will bring back the championship to the white race.

"They talk of Jeff fighting Johnson. Jim has gone the pace that forbids him to face a young, strong fellow like Johnson, and he will never enter the ring again.

"Sam Langford is the world's best and he can trim Johnson. Ketchel, Papke and the rest, one after the other. Johnson knows this and he is sidestepping his fellow fighter at every turn of the road. Langford is consistent, has the punch, knows the game and can whip them all right now, one after the other. Kaufman is too slow—slow as a coach horse—and the others are outclassed, so it's up to Ketchel or Langford to turn the trick and my bet is that either will do it."

Sullivan deprecated the slump of the sporting games generally, attributing the decline to unsportsmanlike methods.

"Twenty years ago," he said, "the games were clean and for blood. Now they are for the moving pictures and gate money. It is too bad, but a fact.

"If there were a few really good men in the heavyweight division right now a lot of the men who think they are boxers would have to start driving street cars.

"There's no excuse for the present heavyweight condition of affairs. There is plenty of good material in the country. I think a lot of former patrons of the game have fallen away because it has been commercialized too much. It isn't like the old days, when a man would get out in the rain and mud and fight for his title until he dropped. Nowadays a lot more time seems to be taken up haggling about a bonus, in case a man proves to be a drawing card. There ought to be a straight percentage rule in boxing. Some of the greatest battles in the ring were fought for sums a preliminary boxer can beat these days."

Sullivan is on his way East. He will remain in Chicago a few days, when he will go on to New York.

Plimmer was in the bantam weight class, while Dixon was in the featherweights and consequently had about ten pounds the better in the matter of avoidings, but the way Plimmer caught Dixon on the nose every time George rushed in with swings, surprised every man in the crowd.

It was slyly another case of a straight clean puncher against a swinger.

Charlie Mitchell taught Mike Cleary the same lesson when they met at the American Institute, back in 1884. Cleary was a follower of Sullivan and belonged to the same school of fighting, but the latter could hardly put a glove on Mitchell, for the latter got a wire-less every time Mike started a swing and immediately sidestepped it.

Cleary was a much surprised man at Mitchell's phantom foot work and straight jabs as I will be if I don't get Mr. Johnson if we ever meet in a finish contest.

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